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Health Care Reform

Yesterday, comprehensive health care reform legislation was introduced in the Senate and debate on this bill is about to get underway. Senator Shaheen believes a key component of reforming our health care system is finding common sense solutions to our most costly health care problems, and she has introduced three bills to help achieve that goal.

Shaheen's bipartisan Medicare Transitional Care Act would save billions of dollars a year by providing adequate follow-up care for seniors to reduce costly re-hospitalizations. Key provisions of Shaheen's legislation are included in

Unemployment Benefits

After the House of Representatives approved a bill that would only help jobless workers in some states and excluded New Hampshire completely, Senator Shaheen took action and led a successful fight in the Senate to extend unemployment benefits to jobless workers in every state. The Shaheen legislation, which was recently signed into law by President Obama, will provide at least 14 weeks of extended emergency unemployment compensation to jobless workers that have exhausted their benefits.

The legislation also includes two other economy boosting provisions -

Veterans History Project

Senator Shaheen visited the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton last week to officially launch the Veterans History Project, an effort of the Library of Congress and the American Folklife Center to collect the personal anecdotes of American war veterans.

Through interviews and preservation of historical documents, such as correspondence and photographs, the Veterans History Project ensures that future generations will be able to hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. If you or a loved one is interested in sharing your story,

the Senate health care reform legislation. The Reducing Emergency Department Utilization through Coordination and Empowerment (REDUCE) Act would reduce excessive emergency room visits by providing patients with more consistent and better coordinated care. Lastly, Shaheen's bipartisan Access to Affordable Medicines Act would close a loophole that some brand name drug companies exploit to delay the entry of safe, lower-cost generic drugs to the consumer market.

Senator Shaheen is committed to helping New Hampshire families and small businesses afford the health care they need.

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an extension and expansion of the homebuyer tax credit and support for American businesses struggling in this economy.

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